

1
2
3
4
5
6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**
8

9 Jason Crews,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 Donald Hiatt,

13 Defendant.
14

No. CV 24-02129 PHX CDB

ORDER

15 Defendant's motion at ECF No. 24 asks the Court to seal his motion (ECF No. 18)
16 to vacate the default entered against Defendant, which default has been vacated. Citing
17 Rule 5.2 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Defendant summarily asserts the
18 motion contains personal identifying information. The motion in question contains
19 Defendant's phone number and email address.

20 Generally, a party must present "compelling reasons" to justify sealing court
21 records, and a pleading might be sealed if the subject information might become a vehicle
22 for improper purposes. *E.g., Kamakana v. City & Cnty. of Honolulu*, 447 F.3d 1172, 1179
23 (9th Cir. 2006). Defendant does not present a compelling reason for sealing the motion
24 containing Defendant's email address and phone number, because this does not constitute
25 personal identifying information, as compared to medical records, a Social Security
26 number, banking information, or privileged communications. Additionally, Defendant's
27 phone number and email address may not be removed from the electronic filing system in
28 this matter because basic contact information is required for the Court to remain in

1 contact with Defendant, who proceeds pro se. This information appears in the caption of
2 the CM/ECF docket in this matter and, accordingly, sealing the motion will not result in
3 that information not being revealed in the CM/ECF docket.

4 Accordingly,

5 **IT IS ORDERED that** Defendant's motion at ECF No. 24 is **denied**.

6 Dated this 12th day of November, 2024.

7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Camille D. Bibles', is written over a horizontal line.

Camille D. Bibles
United States Magistrate Judge